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C O N F I D E N T I A L PONTA DELGADA 0390

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FLA REQUEST FOR REFERENDUM

1. ON OCTOBER 7 PPD DEPUTY FROM PONTA DELGADA AMERICO VIVEROS TOLD ME FLA WAS TO REQUEST ON OCTOBER 6 OR 7 THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR TO HOLD A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF AZOREAN INDEPENDENCE. THE GOP WILL HAVE EIGHT DAYS TO ACCEPT THE REFERENDUM, IF IT REJECTS IT FLA WILL CONSIDER A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. VIVEROS THOUGHT THE AZORES WOULD BE INDEPENDENT IN A MATTER OF MONTHS, IF THE GOP TURNS DOWN THE REFERENDUM THEN INDEPENDENCE WILL OCCUR BY NOVEMBER 11. HE SAID IF A REFERENDUM IS HELD FLA WILL DROP ITS CLANDESTINE NATURE AND CAMPAIGN OPENLY.

2. VIVEROS BELIEVES THAT POPULAR SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE REMAINS HIGH IN SPITE OF THE DIMINISHED COMMUNIST THREAT.

3. COMMENT: VIVEROS HAS ALWAYS BEEN POSITIVE THAT INDEPENDENCE IS ABOUT TO OCCUR AND HIS PREDICTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH A GRAIN OF SALT. WE DOUBT THAT FLA HAS MADE A FINAL DECISION ON A UNILATERAL INDEPENDENCE MOVE. PFEIFLE

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